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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDONESIA PLANNING DISCUSS SOUTH CHINA SEA BOUNDARY WITH
VIETNAM

1. AN OFFICIAL OF INDONESIAN MINISTRY OF MINES IS TRAVELING TO HANOI THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS THE SOUTH CHINA SEA BOUNDARY BETWEEN INDONESIA AND VIETNAM. GOI WISHES TO SETTLE THIS ISSUE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE PROCEED WITH OIL EXPLORATION IN AREA.
 2. THIS OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HE IS NOT EM-POWERED TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT THE BOUNDARY, BUT WILL SIMPLY TELL VIETNAMESE THAT GOI STILL SUPPORTS THE CLAIM MADE WITH SAIGON. HE WILL THEN REPORT GOV REACTION TO MINISTER OF MINES SUBROTO AND FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR.
 3. ACCORDING THIS OFFICIAL, GOI INTENDS TREAT VIETNAMESE POSITION ON THIS BOUNDARY AS A LITMUS TEST OF MORE GENERAL VIETNAMESE INTENTIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE SAID THAT IN EVENT OF FORTHCOMING GOV ATTITUDE, A QUICK SETTLEMENT ON THIS BOUNDARY COULD LEAD RATHER RAPIDLY TO SIGNING
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OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES THAT WOULD GO BEYOND THE OIL SECTOR. HOWEVER, IF GOV IS NOT CONCILIATORY ON THI ISSUE, HE THOUGHT GOI WOULD GO SLOW IN EXPANDING THIS TYPE OF BILATERAL COOPERATION.

4. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WHEN OFFICIAL RETURNS FROM

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